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| Application of: |) | Docket No. 35717 |
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| FLEISCHHAUER, Holger, et al. |) | Confirmation No.: 6974 |
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| Serial No.: 10/520,024 |) | Customer No.: 23589 |
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| Filed: December 30, 2004 |) | |
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| Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE |) | |
| LOADING CAPACITY OF TOBACCO |) | |

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Dear Sir:

SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Requirements" dated June 24, 2005 (copy appended), please find enclosed herewith the following:

1. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by HOLGER FLEISCHHAUER; JÜRGEN KLISCHAT, THOMAS PIENEMANN, PETER SKUPIN, and KLAUS-DIETER ZIEHN;

2. An assignment from the inventor(s) HOLGER FLEISCHHAUER, JÜRGEN KLISCHAT, THOMAS PIENEMANN, PETER SKUPIN, and KLAUS-DIETER ZIEHN to REEMTSMA CIGARETTENFABRIKEN GMBH;

3. A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recording of such assignment;

4. A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge in connection with the late filing of the Declaration;

5. Copy of English translation of International Application, which was submitted with the original application paperwork on December 30, 2004; and

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6. Certificate of Translation, which was also submitted with the original application paperwork on December 30, 2004.

Although the Notice indicates that an English translation of the application has not been filed, Applicant respectfully submits that a copy of the English translation of the application was in fact filed on December 30, 2004, along with a Certificate of Translation. In order to avoid any delay, Items 5 and 6 are nonetheless being submitted with this Response. However, Applicant respectfully requests that no fee be charged for the translation documents being submitted herewith, as they have previously been supplied to the Office.

Should any further fees be required, the Office is authorized to deduct the same from Deposit Account No. 19-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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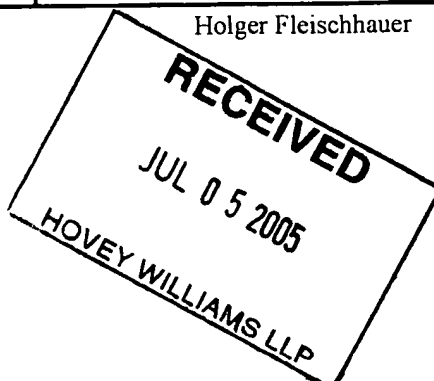


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/30/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/30/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/30/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/30/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 12/30/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION,

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WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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Title: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE
LOADING CAPACITY OF TOBACCO)

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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is/are: Submission of Missing Parts (2 pages); Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements; Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages); \$130.00 Surcharge; English translation of International Application (10 pages); Certificate of Translation (1 page); Assignment Cover (1 page); Assignment (4 pages) and \$40 Recordal Fee; and return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is/are: Transmittal Letter; Submission of English Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (4 pages); and return postcard.

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**SUBMISSION OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**


Applicant submits herewith an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report, which issued on February 10, 2005. Applicant specifically notes that the Report is not accompanied by any annexes.

Please apply any applicable charges to our Deposit Account 19-0522.

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